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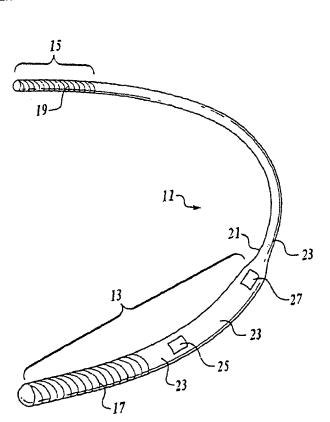
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(54) Title: UNITARY SUBCUTANEOUS ONLY IMPLANTABLE CARDIOVERTER-DEBRIBILLATOR AND OPTIONAL PACER



(57) Abstract: A unitary subcutaneous cardioverter-defibrillator implantable disclosed which has a long thin housing in the shape of a patient's rib. The housing contains a source of electrical energy, a capacitor, and operational circuitry that senses the presence of potentially fatal heart rhythms. Provided on the housing are cardioversion/defibrillation electrodes located to deliver electrical cardioversion-defibrillation energy when the operational circuitry senses a potentially fatal heart rhythm. The unitary subcutaneous implantable cardioverter-defibrillator does not have a transvenous, intracardiac, epicardial, or subcutaneous electrode.

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